

**In the Claims:**

Applicant hereby submits a complete listing of all claims in the application with the status of each claim in parentheses.

1. (Currently amended) A battery powered lighter comprising:

a thin flat case;

a sheet type battery provided within the flat case;

a resistance wire heating element connected to the sheet type battery; and

a power switch for opening and closing the connection between the sheet type battery and the resistance wire heating element; wherein

the flat case comprises: an ignition window, open at a position where the heating element faces; a slide member for opening and closing the ignition window; and an operating button for operating the power switch;

an operation of the operating button is precluded in the state that the ignition window is closed by the slide member by a portion of the slide member being interposed between contacts of the power switch; and

the power switch is capable of being closed and activated by an operation of the operating button in the state that the ignition window is open.

2. (Currently amended) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a display portion for an advertisement and the like provided on a flat surface of the flat case.

3. (Original) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 1, wherein:

an operating portion of the slide member and the operating button are positioned adjacent to each other on the flat case.

4. (Original) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 1, wherein:

a fixing portion of the resistance wire heating element is structured of heat cured resin.

5 5. (Original) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the sheet type battery is irreplaceably housed within the flat case, so that the lighter is disposable.

6. (Original) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 1, wherein:

a portion of the flat case is openable and closable; and

10 the sheet type battery is replaceably housed therein.

7. (New) A battery powered lighter comprising:

a thin flat case;

a sheet type battery provided within the flat case;

a resistance wire heating element connected to the sheet type battery; and

15 a power switch for opening and closing the connection between the sheet type battery and the resistance wire heating element; wherein

the flat case comprises: an ignition window, open at a position where the heating element faces; a slide member for opening and closing the ignition window; and an operating button for operating the power switch;

20 a portion of the slide member capable of preventing the power switch from completing said connection between the battery and heating element when said slide member is in the closed position over said ignition window; and

said portion of said slide member capable of moving out of interference with said connection when said slide member is not covering said ignition window.

8. (New) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 7, further comprising:

a display portion provided on a flat surface of the flat case.

5 9. (New) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 7, wherein:

an operating portion of the slide member and the operating button are positioned adjacent to each other on the flat case.

10. (New) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 7, wherein:

a fixing portion of the resistance wire heating element is structured of heat cured resin.

10 11. (New) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 7, wherein:

the sheet type battery is irreplaceably housed within the flat case, so that the lighter is disposable.

12. (New) A battery powered lighter as defined in claim 7, wherein:

a portion of the flat case is openable and closable; and

15 the sheet type battery is replaceably housed therein.